Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010]: In a fourth aspect of the present invention, a signal tangibly embod~~ying~~ied in a computer readable medium for providing build of material information comprises a first command for identifying build of material information in a source file. The signal further comprises a second command for encoding a file marker with the build of material information. Then a third command stores the file marker in a physical storage location. It is understood that the signal may further include a fourth command for sending the file marker to a central authority when an application abnormally terminates.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] A flowchart 100 illustrating functional steps which may be performed by a signal tangibly embod~~ying~~ied in a computer readable medium of the present invention, is shown in FIG. 1. Preferably, the signal is embodied in a software application executable upon an information handling system. The software application may be physically located upon any computer readable medium, such as a floppy disk, CD-ROM, DVD, and the like, for storing the software application. Execution of the signal may occur on a variety of information handling systems, such as the computer system shown and described in FIG. 5. In the current method embodiment, in step 102 the signal, being executed upon a computer system, identifies build of material (BOM) information included in a source file. The source file, including the BOM information, may be stored in a SMBIOS (System Management Basic Input/Output System) table which is created in memory by the BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) as part of the boot process or various other locations as contemplated by one of ordinary skill in the art. It is known in the art

that SMBIOS may also be commonly referred to as a desktop management interface (DMI) table. The signal may retrieve configuration information stored in the SMBIOS table located in memory through the SMBIOS interface. This information is then formatted for use in a file marker (described below in step 104). Build of material (BOM) information may include information identifying device drivers, software applications, operating systems, BIOS, and the like. Further, BOM information may identify any revisions made to a device and/or application, the version of the device and/or application being currently used by the computer system, and any other information as contemplated by one of ordinary skill in the art. In step 104, the signal provides for the encoding of a file marker with the BOM information identified in the source file. In the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the file marker is a null file with a file name. The fields in the file name are populated from the BOM information stored on the SMBIOS table. It is understood that the fields may be populated with BOM information stored in various sources. The file name may include any number of characters, preferably the file name includes zero to two hundred and fifty six characters. The characters may be comprised of specific, delimited fields. The fields may be product specific, such as Gateway™ product specific fields, and the delimiting may occur through a variety of methods, such as the use of underscoring and the like as may be contemplated by those of ordinary skill in the art. It is understood that various other file markers may be used, such as files storing BOM information within the file itself, files containing coded or encrypted information or file names, or the like, for storing BOM data, without departing from the scope and spirit of the present invention.